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Monthly Report for April 1959.

1. Status of Projects:

30.2043 -- Capital Investment in the Producer's Equipment Industry of Communist China - Second draft completed except for coordination with A/F.

30.694 -- The Determination of Cost and Price in Soviet Machine Building - In division.

32.488 -- Industrial Investment Policy in East Germany - Completed except for appendices, methodology. Final typed draft should be submitted in May.

30.1930 -- Problems in Soviet Machine Building - Completed except for some minor editing and typing.

30.1535 -- Investment in Light Industry in Communist China - In much better shape will probably be completed late this month.

30.2743 -- Comparability of Consumer Goods Output in the US and USSR - No problems anticipated.

30.2375 -- Evidence of Soviet Bloc Integration in the Production of Capital Equipment - Research in progress and progressing.

30.2485 -- Communist China Trade in Machinery and Equipment - Research in progress.

2. Status of Support Projects:

30.1826 -- NIS 26 - USSR - Section 6 - The remaining tasks are the construction, metalworking, and railroad equipment, contributions and additional work on the A-general.

10.2200 -- Soviet NIE - In view of the extensive work done last year and recent work on the NIS, our light industry contribution should not prove to be too time consuming. [redacted] and I have started making plans for the machine building contributions to the NIE.

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3. Changes in Estimates - With the announcement of First Quarter Plan Fulfillment data, Soviet production of cotton, wool, rayon and linen cloth was reported in square meters. Until now comparable data has been reported in linear meters. This change in reporting provided the information from which to derive the average widths of each of these major types of cloth. It proved the I/MS estimate of the width of Soviet cotton cloth to be exact and our estimate of width of wool cloth to be reasonably close.

4. Relationships with Other Components:

25X1A9a [REDACTED] was a member of an OSR Panel which presented "Certain Aspects of the German Question" to the European Satellite Committee in the OCI Situation Room on 29 April 1959. His presentation was "International Trade in Machinery and Equipment."

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In July [REDACTED] is to attend the Moscow Fair where the [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] Ambassador William S. Lacy, Special Assistant to the Secretary for East-West Exchanges, State Department was host to the group and participated in the discussions.

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5. Future Plans:

A number of plant trips to textile mills, synthetic fiber paper, and shoe plants are being organized to give analysts in I/MS responsible for light industry research a better understanding of the problems of technology in these industries. The plant trips are being supplemented by the viewing of industrial films being assembled by Cinopress Register.

6. Other Plans: No comment.

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